

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 4-8 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 9-15 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In item 6 on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claim 9-15 are allowed. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, the rejected claims 4-8 have been canceled, thereby leaving only the allowed claims 9-15.

A drawing objection was presented in item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, and a replacement formal drawing sheet containing Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) is submitted herewith under separate cover letter in order to address the drawing objection. In particular, the drawings were objected to because Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) were inconsistent with one another since, in the original drawings, according to Fig. 1(b) some portions of the first land should be shown through the opening 8. The Examiner's assistance in pointing out this inconsistency between the drawing figures is appreciated. Thus, the replacement formal drawing sheet containing Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) is effective to correct Fig. 1(b) so that the opening 8 is shown consistently with that of Fig. 1(a). In addition, in Fig. 1(a) of the replacement formal drawing, the section line 1(b)-1(b) has been corrected to include arrows. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this replacement formal drawing sheet be approved and entered, and that the Examiner indicate such approval in the next Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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